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11. (S) SUMMARY: Allegations of government complicity in crimes committed by organized paramilitary groups have mounted in the last year. Param
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12. (S) The GSL sees several advantages in allowing paramilitary groups to operate in the country. Paramilitary groups in the North and East he 13. (S) In the meantime, these paramilitary groups give the GSL a measure of deniability. XXXXXXXXXXXXXX total us that some military commanders in JaffnaXXXXXXXXXXXX want to clamp down on paramilitaries but have orders from Defense Secretary Gothat COLOMBO 00000728 002 OF 006

14. (S) The GSL has a history of funding paramilitary groups. XXXXXXXXXXXX pointed out that under former President Kumaratunga, the GSL had bec Karuna Group Becomes Pre-eminent Paramilitary

15. (S) The Karuna faction's formal name is Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal (TMVP), which means "Liberation Tigers of the Tamil People" in Tami Abductions and Killings

16. (S) The Karuna group is probably the most active Sri Lankan paramilitary in abductions and extrajudicial killings. XXXXXXXXXXX confided 17. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXX confirmed that Karuna has extended his activities to Jaffna from his base in the East. XXXXXXXXXXX has documented XXXXXXX COLOMBO 00000728 003 OF 006

Child Soldiers

18. (S) The TMVP is allowed to operate throughout the East in close proximity to SLA bases, often with clearly underage cadres guarding its cam Extortion and Prostitution Rings

COLOMBO 00000728 004 OF Making Karuna Legitimate

13. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXXXX The TMVP does not yet have the status of a formal political party. According to Sri Lanka's Constitution, new parties car EPDP: "Political Party" and Paramilitary

114. (S) The EPDP, originally called the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF), began as a rival to the LTTE. One wing of the Extra-Judicial Killings with the Military's Support

115. (S) Working in concert with SLA soldiers stationed in the Jaffna peninsula, the EPDP is able to conduct extortion, abductions, extra-judic COLOMBO 00000728 005 OF 006
116. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXXXX Child Trafficking

17. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX said he believes that EPDP is operating child trafficking rings in Jaffna with a base on Delft island, which the EPDP "ow 18. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX story was partially verified by XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX who stated that the EPDP works in concert with the Sri Lanka Army (SLA) to U.S. Takes a Hard Line against Paramilitaries

119. (S) Addressing the activities of these paramilitaries and their blatant disregard for human rights is a top priority of the Embassy. Ambas SIPDIS Boucher and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for SCA Steven Mann have delivered tough messages on human rights to the highest levels COLOMBO 00000728 006 OF 006

120. (S) COMMENT: While none of the evidence put forward by our contacts constitutes a smoking gun, the preponderance of these statements ) and